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 Soviet naval forces and vessels were
seen in the Baltic Sea. The following details were determined:

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 Comment. For sketch of turret of submarine see Annex.

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	<u>Time</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Course and Speed in Knots</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1.	1300	5 sea miles southwest Gedser-Rev lightship	auxiliary vessel	drifter	adrift; no speed	A man wearing a white uniform with golden braids was seen in the wheel house.
	0900	Bay of Danzig	destroyer (?)	u/i	north and south	Radio traffic indicated that a fisherman sighted 3 Soviet destroyers, 1 on a northern and 2 on a southern course.
2.	1000	Bay of Tallin	u/i	u/i	slow speed	Naval unit of 4 vessels running line ahead entered the Bay of Tallin. The vessels had 400 to 500 tons, slightly raking stem, flush deck with 1 gun, low square bridge with 1 mast; adjoining the bridge, 1 thick stack, lower than bridge. On the quarter deck, undetermined superstructures or devices. The unit was accompanied by a fifth larger vessel, probably a destroyer, of 2,500 to 3,000 tons, which run more inshore. The vessel had flush deck, 1 gun on foc'sle, high straight bridge with superstructures on the aft section; 2 stacks, 2 masts, with the second mast in front of the second stack and the first mast adjoining the bridge. Astern of second stack, superstructures.
3.	0530	appr 3 sea miles from 54°45'N/15°20'E	submarine	u/i	east, later south medium speed	The vessel had 500 to 750 tons, detached gun in front of the turret which was occupied by 6 men. The turret had a stepped backside.

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4.	1000	59°42'N/ 23°53'E	7 minesweepers	ex M 40 (?)	u/i		
		appr 5 sea miles north of Estonian coast	8 submarines 2 seagoing tugs 4 small vessels	} u/i	east, medium speed	-	
5.	0730	off Seis- kaari Island	destroyers	u/i	west, medium speed	The unit ran in the order of the identification	25X1
			cruisers	Sverdlov		Nos; it came from the direction of Leningrad.	
			destroyers	u/i		The 6 destroyers preceding the cruisers had	25X1
	1100	Leningrad lightship	cruiser	u/i	-	The cruiser moored on a buoy approximately	
						1 sea mile west of Leningrad lightship;	
						she was towed by 2 naval tug boats. The	
						cruiser had 1 stack and each 2 gun turrets	25X1
						with double mounting fore and aft.	
6.	1030	10 sea miles from 54°25'N/ 13°57'E, 80° true bearing	19 submarine chasers	Kronstadt (?)	-	The vessels ran in 2 groups, 2 to 3 sea miles	
						apart. They apparently conducted formation	
						exercises including running line ahead and	
						double-line ahead and forming line abreast and	
						double-line abreast. The two groups ran on	
						different courses.	
	1230	appr 1 sea mile south Greifswalder Cie, 5 sea miles from source's position	submarine chasers	Kronstadt	no speed	The vessels apparently lay at anchor. All	25X1
						vessels had a narrow blue line around the stack.	

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	1245	Greifswalder Oie		12 speedboats	Elco (?)	-	The vessels approached from direction Sassnitz in 2 groups, each of 6 vessels, and entered the channel southwest Greifswalder Oie, running line ahead. The 2 groups ran 1 sea mile apart.	
7.	0300 EST	appr 20 sea miles south Forkkala		minesweepers	T 301 (?)	-	-	25X1
8.	1320	3 sea miles south Sassnitz		3 naval vessels	u/i	drifting or at anchor	Small vessels with 2 stacks, lying line ahead. No details.	25X1
9.	1450	10 sea miles east Seiskaari		submarine chaser	Kronstadt	west, medium speed	-	25X1
	1500	10 sea miles east Seiskaari		submarine chaser	Kronstadt (?)	west, slow speed	Same type as vessel [] however, no weapons on quarter deck, no radar on mast. The vessel made smoke with an apparatus located near stern. The apparatus was not observed with other submarine chasers.	25X1
	1505	10 sea miles east Seiskaari		submarine chasers	Kronstadt	southwest, medium speed	The vessels differed from vessel [] as follows: additional twin-barreled AA gun between gun and bridge, each 1 twin-barreled AA machine gun on the first step of bridge on starboard and port side and 1 twin-barreled AA gun on deck, in line with trailing edge of bridge.	25X1

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1512	10 sea miles east Seiskaari	destroyer (?)	u/i	southwest, medium speed	The vessel was 70 to 80 meters long, had a slightly raking stem, a gun with protective shield on the foc'sle, box-shaped slightly stepped bridge. Mast projecting from aft bridge section, braced toward first stack. Two stacks; upper edge of first stack in line with upper edge of bridge; second stack almost amidships; sheer in line with aft edge of first stack, several AA guns between stacks; superstructures adjoining aft edge of second stack, mounting AA guns; destroyer island with AA guns at border line between midship and after section of ship. Gun with protective shield in center of aft section of ship. Otter board on quarter deck.	25X1
1513	10 sea miles east Seiskaari	auxiliary vessel	ex M 40	southwest, medium speed	No armament.	25X1
1518	10 sea miles east Seiskaari	battleship	Gangut	southwest, medium speed	-	
1535	10 sea miles east Seiskaari	submarine chaser	Kronstadt	southwest, medium speed	Same type as [] however with additional twin-barreled AA gun between gun and bridge.	25X1
1540	10 sea miles east Seiskaari	submarines	-	southwest, medium speed	Submarine [] was approximately 90 meters long; 2 small guns with unusually short barrels, one above the other, projected from a closed low superstructure from which rose the rounded bridge, the front upper edge of which mounted a round superstructure with rectangular portholes and a straight backside. Another superstructure with rectangular portholes between middle and trailing edge of bridge. 1	25X1

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Submarine [] similar arrangement of guns, but with additional gun of approximately 75 mm on quarter deck.

Submarine [] was approximately 60 meters long, curved bridge with two steps, backside receding in a gently curved step. No arms on upper deck.

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Submarine [] was approximately 75 meters long, rounded turret, straight front, one step in the rear; no armament; a small jolly boat, bottom up, was on the foredeck of the submarine.

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1600 north Kron-
stadt-Kossa

destroyer

Skori (?)

west,
appr 15 sea
miles

Two vessels of same type, approximately 120 to 140 meters long, raking stem, gun turret on foc'sle. Bridge rose straight from vessel; low superstructures at trailing edge of bridge; 2 stacks, 2 masts. Height of first stack: approximately 2/3 of bridge; first mast adjoining bridge; second mast (topmast) forward second stack; second stack projecting from superstructures; low superstructures between first stack and second mast; flush quarter deck.

Two transport vessels on a western course were seen east of the 2 destroyers. The vessels had a grey coat of paint, 1 stack and 4 hatches.

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1600 north Kron-
stadt-Kossa

minesweeper

T 301

west,
medium speed

1600 north Kron-
stadt-Kossa

7 speedboats

u/i

southwest

The vessels ran line ahead approximately 3 sea miles []

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1600 north Kron-
stadt-Kossasubmarine
chaser

Kronstadt

southwest,
medium speed

Same type

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1610 1 sea mile west
Leningrad
lightship

cruiser

ex Nuern-
berg

moored on buoy

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1610 1 sea mile west
Leningrad
lightship

minesweeper

T 301

southwest,
medium speed

Same type

10.

1630 off Reval

4 destroyers

Skori (?)

east,
slow speed

The vessels ran approximately 6 - 3 sea miles
All 4 vessels were of
the same type: approximately 100 to 120 meters
long, 2 stacks, 2 masts. First mast (topmast)
at trailing edge of bridge, second mast forward
second stack; sheer in deck between bridge and
first stack. One gun on destroyer island, a
second turret below on deck. Third turret on fore'sle.

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1830 west Kokskaer
(Keri)

minesweeper

ex M 40
(?)

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Sighted at a large distance.

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0730 near buoy 2
approach
Kronstadtdestroyer (?) u/i }
auxiliary vessel u/i }west,
6-7 knots

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0155 59°06'N/
21°57'E1 submarine
1 minesweeper ex M 40260°
8-9 knots

Because of poor light, only silhouette of
submarine was seen at a distance of 2 sea
miles. She had apparently no armament on deck.
The 2 vessels altered course to approximately 180°.

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12.		0900	abreast of Porkkala	submarine chaser	Kronstadt	south, 10-11 knots	The two vessels ran line ahead; approximately 2 sea miles apart, course Porkkala-Bay of Tallin.	
		0330	coast between Ino and Laivaslanemi	1 cruiser 3 destroyers	ex Nuernberg	no speed	The destroyers were 100 to 120 meters long, raking stem, short foc'sle with turret; bridge with far projecting step in front. Second turret on step; 2 stacks, second stack projecting from deck superstructures; topmast at trailing edge of bridge. On the quarter deck, destroyer island with gun turret, additional turret on deck.	25X1
		0745	Nagayeva light buoy	destroyer	u/i	westnorthwest, 15 knots	No details.	25X1
		0945	west side Lavansaari	4 destroyers including 1 speedboat	u/i	northwest, slow speed	the other vessels to reciprocal course. The entire unit subsequently altered course to southeast and disappeared from sight.	25X1
		0945	west side Lavansaari	submarine	u/i	east	Sighted at a large distance. Submarine ran on an eastern course between Lavansaari and Tyttansaari.	
		1930	3 sea miles north-northwest Kokskaer	minesweeper	u/i	east, medium speed	Remained stopped north Kokskaer.	
		1945	off Bay of Tallin	5 destroyers	u/i	-	Four larger and 1 smaller destroyer left the Bay of Tallin. The 4 large destroyers had 2 very broad stacks. The smaller vessel was shorter, the bridge less stubby and the 2 stacks thinner.	25X1

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	0900	west Dagerort	1 large and or 3 small destroyers 1 submarine 3 speedboats 1 escort vessel	u/i	-	The unit altered course, destroyer [] and the submarine turned toward northeast, the 3 small destroyers ran line ahead on a southwestern course. The escort vessel with the speedboats followed the 3 small destroyers at slow speed.	25X1
13.	2300	in swept channel off Rodskaer Island	submarines	u/i	Leningrad	The submarines had no armament on the upper deck.	
14.	0730	between Lavansaari and Seiskaer	cruiser 1 battleship 4 submarine chasers	ex Nuernberg Gangut Kronstadt	northeast	The unit was led by the submarine chasers which were followed by cruiser [] at a distance of approximately 3 sea miles. The battleship followed at a distance of approximately 3/4 sea miles.	25X1 25X1
	0730	off-shore near Vigrund Bank	submarine	u/i	no speed	No details	25X1
15.	1820	between Gedser Rev and buoy 5 of swept channel	passenger ship	Hansa	east, medium speed	The vessel came from direction Warnemuende. All decks and foc'sle were occupied to capacity by an estimated 2,000 to 3,000 soldiers. The vessel flew the Soviet Mercantile marine flag.	
16.	0600	junction channel 55 and channel 1 (position 14)	u/i minesweeper	u/i T 301)?)	Warnemuende	The unit was led by [] followed by the other 5 vessels running line ahead and, at a major distance, vessel []	25X1 25X1

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[] resembled auxiliary vessel with 1 stack and a wide open stern []. Vessels [] had a bulging stem similar to a cablelayer, a raked stack and large superstructures. All vessels flew the Soviet war ensign, but had no armament, each towed 2 small boat-shaped devices with mast on different cables, with cables running over the flat stern.

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Turret of Soviet Submarine

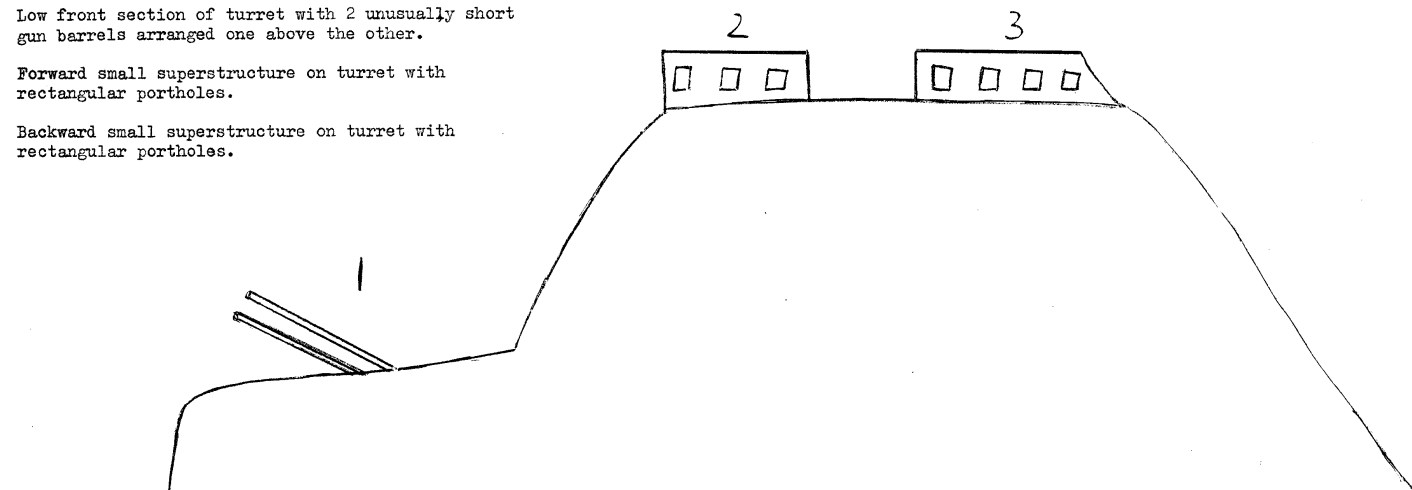
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Legend

- 1 Low front section of turret with 2 unusually short gun barrels arranged one above the other.
- 2 Forward small superstructure on turret with rectangular portholes.
- 3 Backward small superstructure on turret with rectangular portholes.



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